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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOLLOW-UP TO SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE
OF PROPOSAL

REF: A) STATE 106180, B) CAPE TOWN 0833

1. AS INDICATED REF B, WE CONCUR IN PROPOSAL FOR EARLY
DEMARCH TO FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA AS FOLLOW-UP
TO SAG ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. WE SUGGEST THE
DEMARCH WOULD BE REENFORCED IF IN ADDITION TO SAG
ACCEPTANCE, IT RESTED AS WELL ON THE SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL
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ENJOYS IN NAMIBIA ITSELF. WE WOULD PROPOSE A SUPPLEMENTAL
TALKING POINT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

2. THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN
NAMIBIA FOR THE PROPOSAL. NOT ONLY HAVE THE
NAMIBIAN NATIONAL FRONT AND THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE
ALLIANCE ENDORSED IT, BUT MORE PERSUASIVE IS THE

STRONG SUPPORT BY NAMIBIA'S ANGLICAN, LUTHERAN AND CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS, INCLUDING BISHOP AUALA OF OVAMBO, WHOSE CONGREGATION COMPRISE MORE THAN HALF OF THE TERRITORY'S POPULATION.

3. FYI: WE INCLUDE SPECIFIC MENTION OF LUTHERAN BISHOP AUALA BECAUSE OF HIS WIDE INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE IN OVAMBO. AUALA, LIKE HIS FELLOW LUTHERAN, BISHOP DE VRIES, AND THE ANGLICAN VICOR GENERAL MORROW, HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN KNOWN FOR THEIR ANTI-SAG POSITION AND THEIR SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD SWAPO. RECENTLY SOME OF THE CHURCHMEN HAVE BECOME CONCERNED OVER SWAPO RADICALISM AND ITS RESISTANCE TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL.
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